Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 31 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 01 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 30 Oct 2021 at 17:14 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for conditions deteriorating on Sunday morning as rain spreads north with strong winds accompanying it. Lower confidence in timings and amount of rainfall. Unsettled again on Monday marking a change to a cold northerly airstream for next week.

Headline for Sunday 31 Oct 2021: A dry start, rain and strong winds soon spreading north, clearing later with some showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 31 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain showers	Light rain showers (night)	Dull
Precipitation probability	20%	20%	60%	60%	90%	40%	40%	40%

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Weather: Clear spells overnight and feeling chilly, significant wind chill is likely with strengthening southeasterly winds. Cloud will begin to spread over southern ranges after midnight, thickening by dawn as an area of rain spreads northeast during the morning reaching the Lochaber hills by mid morning. Precipitation may fall as sleet at first on the higher munro tops but will readily turn to rain during the afternoon except on Ben Nevis where it will likely remain as sleet. Rain will clear from the west by late morning and becoming brighter again for a time around in the afternoon although some heavy showers are possible during the late afternoon and evening more so for southern ranges with Lochaber perhaps escaping the worst of these.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% early on Sunday morning but soon reducing to 40% associated with the area of rain. Improving later in the afternoon back to 80% but reducing again in showers.

Visibility: Cloudy from daybreak for the southern ranges but a fine start to the day with good views likely further north especially for the Lochaber hills around day break. Visibility will reduce as cloud and rain spreads from the south and by mid morning visibility will reduce to just a few kilometres in rain and sleet. Cloud bases will fall during the morning and become broken above 400m, perhaps more scattered and slightly higher further west. Cloud will lift and break as rain clears in the afternoon, although cloud is likely to linger around the Trossachs and Crianlarich area remaining scattered above 600m. Cloud will thicken and lower in any showers during the afternoon and evening period.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	23/27 S	26/31 SE	35/44 E	48/59 E	35/44 SE	14/18 SE	9/12 E	6/8 S	10/13 SW
900	16/21 S	18/24 SE	25/33 SE	33/45 E	26/34 SE	14/18 SE	10/13 E	4/6 SE	6/10 W
600	21/25 S	19/24 SE	26/31 E	36/45 E	31/39 SE	8/11 SE	7/9 E	4/5 SE	6/9 SW
300	10/15 S	12/19 SE	10/15 NE	21/32 E	19/31 SE	6/9 NE	4/6 NW	3/4 E	4/6 S
Glen	4/10 SW	5/9 E	11/20 NE	13/27 E	10/18 NE	5/10 E	4/9 NE	2/4 SE	3/6 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-0/-7	-0/-8	-1/-9	-1/-11	-0/-8	0/-5	0/-4	0/-3	-1/-5
900	2/-3	2/-4	2/-5	2/-6	2/-4	3/-2	2/-2	2/0	2/-1
600	5/-0	6/2	5/0	4/-2	6/1	6/3	5/3	4/3	4/2
300	7/4	6/3	6/4	6/2	7/3	8/6	7/6	6/5	6/5
Glen	8/7	7/6	7/4	8/5	8/6	9/8	8/6	7/6	6/5
Freezing Level*	1200m	1100m	1200m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1300m	1300m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Although conditions will be reasonable in the morning, it will turn quite unpleasant in the hills with gales on the summits and heavy rain/sleet and poor visibility for a time during the morning. There will be a significant wind chill through the day. Winds will ease during the afternoon.

Forecast for Monday 01 Nov 2021

Weather: Clear spells overnight although a few showers are possible especially for ranges further west. Strengthening northwesterly winds will push showers into western ranges during the morning. Showers may turn wintery over the munro tops and could be heavy for a time.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 20-30mph with gusts around 40mph in the morning, easing later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%, low cloud in the morning will lift a little for a time but periods of showery rain will bring cloud back below summits at times during the day.

Visibility: Scattered or broken low cloud above 600m will lift a little during the morning but as periods of showery rain approach cloud will thicken and lower over the hills perhaps to 500m temporarily. In sleety showers visibility will become quite poor for a time. Low cloud will tend to thin and clear later in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius falling to 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1300m falling to 1000m

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